THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir. The BSNL is keen to operate access services in Delhi and Mumbai Metro Service areas and the MTNL wants to expand its reach beyond Delhi and Mumbai Metro Areas. However, the Government have not agreed to such requests.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) No, Sir. There is no such proposal of the Government.

Cyber crimes

2413. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cyber crimes registered in the country since IT and other related Acts came into force, year wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that cyber crimes are on increase during the last couple of years;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what preventive mechanism Government have to counter cyber crimes in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (c) Since IT Act came into force in 2000, CBI has registered 23 cases relating to cyber crime. The details are as under.

Year	No. of cases
2000	2
2001	2
2002	9
2003	7
2004	3

In addition CBI has investigated 87 complaints and many International/Interpol references (complaints) received from different countries for cyber crime committed from India.

(d) A number of steps have been taken by the Government to fight cyber crimes. It is a coordinated effort on the part of several agencies in the Ministry of Home Affairs and in the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology on an on going basis. The fight against cyber crimes involves Law Enforcement Agencies such as the Central Bureau of Investigation, Intelligence Bureau, State Police organizations and other specialized organizations such as the National Police Academy and the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-ln). CERT-ln has a role in developing appropriate Security Guidelines and other best practices to advise the Systems Administrators of computer systems and networks all over the country to implement them so as to avoid the systems from being attacked by the hackers and other criminals. In the event of systems being attacked, CERT-ln helps the victim organizations recover their systems from the computer security incidents so as to make them operational at the earliest. Cyber Forensics is an emerging discipline which helps the Law Enforcement organizations collect evidence from the scene of crime. The legal framework for fighting cyber crimes is a part of the Information Technology Act, 2000. Central Bureau of investigation and other police organizations have set up Cyber Crime Cells with police officers who have been specially trained in cyber forensics and also on IT security matters.

Expansion of mobile network

†2414. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY *ba* pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited is formulating any scheme for expansion of its mobile network;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the expenditure to be incurred thereon; and

(c) the total amount to be incurred on the expansion of telecommunication in the States of Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh and the target set for providing new telephone connections?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.